GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:769
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2016
Supreme Court Directives under MGNREGS
Gogoi Shri Gaurav;Kushwaha Shri Ram Kumar Sharma;Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar;Patole Shri Nanabhau Falgunrao;Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the States to furnish the details of ensuring 150 days of employment under MGNREGS to the Ministry concerned, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has directed the States to inform the UnionGovernment about the amount spent on MGNREGS during the current financial year, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has recently also stated that money allocated for MGNREGS was not enough to address the problems of farmers and rural population hit by drought, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether on the direction of Supreme Court, the Union Government has allocated/announced special assistance to be spent under MGNREGS to the drought hit States, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and spent under MGNREGS to drought hit States during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(e) whether any steps have been taken/ being taken to monitor and ensure that the assistance is reached to the intended beneficiary States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)to(d): Writ Petition No.857/2015-Swaraj Abhiyan Vs. Union of India & others is still sub-judice in the Supreme Court of India wherein the issue pertaining to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the drought affected states is also being discussed. No written direction from the Hon'ble Court has been received as of now.

(e)&(f): The Government of India is regularly monitoring the implementation of MGNREGA so as to ensure that the assistance reach to the intended beneficiary States. The Ministry has released Rs. 15955.66 crore to States to meet pending wage liability of FY 2015-16 and to meet the cost of the implementation of MGNREGA in FY 2016-17. State/UT-wise release position is attached at Annexure.

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